PERIODICAL

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS INFORMATION BULLETIN

The University of Michigan Library

SEP 25 1973

Vol. 32, No. 36 September 7, 1973

AUTOMATED INFORMATION BANK SERVICES COME TO CRS

The Congressional Research Service has subscribed to an automated information bank which promises to make facts about public affairs accessible to the staff of the Service more quickly and easily than ever before. After a two month trial period, the Service has contracted for a year with the New York Times, Inc. to receive its recently developed automated index and information service, which works by using computers and other automated devices to search the *New York Times Index* and thesaurus. The Times' work is done in New York, and CRS avails itself of that work by using "INCOTERM" equipment located in room MB-125 of the Library Services Division. The equipment consists basically of a computer keyboard, with which to contact the New York operation by way of an old-fashioned telephone line, a cathode ray tube, by which a staff member can read the answers to his or her questions, and a printer, which puts the answers on paper if such a record is necessary.

It took the New York Times five years to develop its information bank. At present, the bank directs its users to current articles of *The Times;* by end of 1973 the bank is scheduled to provide service back to 1969 in the paper, as well as to information contained in about 30 other publications such as the *Washington Post* and the *Atlantic Monthly.*

While the new operation has been in CRS, staff members have been trained to operate it, and it has been demonstrated to observers from elsewhere in the Library and from Congress. Open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., the information bank has served so far primarily as a reference tool for Congressional Reference and Library Services, and secondarily as a research tool for CRS subject divisions.

Dana Ellingen of Library Services, ext. 5812, Patricia Ayers of Congressional Reference, ext. 5744, or Brenda Wesner of the Director's Office, ext. 6313, can provide additional information about the bank.

EX-SLAVE NARRATIVES BEING ORGANIZED BY COLLEGE STUDENTS

In 1936 the Federal Writers' Project of the Work Projects Administration began work on the Ex-Slave Narrative Project to gather information about the experiences of slavery, chiefly by means of interviews with all former slaves who could be located. For two years the Project continued interviewing ex-slaves, some of whom were 101 years old, and amassed a large amount of manuscript and typescript. In 1941 a bound set of the typed transcripts containing these oral narratives was placed in the Library's Rare Book Room. The *Slave Narratives: A Folk History of Slavery in the United States From Interviews with Former Slaves* is a 17-volume set of 33 books, with illustrations, assembled by the Library of Congress Project, Work Projects Administration for the District of Columbia.

(Continued on p. 314)

CONTENTS

Automated Information Bank Services Come to CRS 313
Ex-Slave Narratives Being Organized by College Students 313-314
Library of Congress Publications 315-316
News in the Library World 317-318
New Reference Works 316-317
Staff News 315
Visitors to LC 314-315
World's Largest Bibliography Halfway Completed by LC 314

EX-SLAVE NARRATIVES BEING ORGANIZED BY COLLEGE STUDENTS

(Continued from p. 313)

Another set, unbound and unorganized, including many narratives omitted in the bound set, is kept in filing cabinets in the Library's Archive of Folk Song. This set contains appraisal sheets, reprints of newspaper articles on slavery, copies of state statutes relating to slavery, photographs, and folkloristic narratives.

For two months, beginning in June 1972, two Detroit librarians, Ola M. Spinks and Phyllis G. Williams, labored to organize the unwieldy materials in the Archive of Folk Song. Mrs. Spinks and Mrs. Williams began organizing the materials for two states, Alabama and Arkansas, of the 17 states covered by the Project.

In July 1972 the two dedicated librarians contacted Mrs. Oscar Mervene Couch of the History Department at the Federal City College and persuaded her and students from the College to continue this ambitious project of systematically organizing and indexing the several file-drawers of ex-slave narrative material in the Archive and collating it with the Rare Book Room set. Completion of the project under the direction of Mrs. Couch will likely take two years.

Alan Jabbour, Head of the Archive of Folk Song, noted that "completion of the project will mean all the Library's holdings from the Ex-Slave Narrative Project will at last be organized, preserved on microfilm, and easily accessible to researchers."

WORLD'S LARGEST BIBLIOGRAPHY HALFWAY COMPLETED BY LC

The editing of *The National Union Catalog: Pre-1956 Imprints* reached the halfway point after five and one half years of the National Union Catalog Publication Project's existence. During this period approximately 10 million cards from A through K have been interfiled, edited, typed, and shipped to the publisher, Mansell Information/Publishing Ltd., London, England, and 275 published volumes have been received with alphabetic coverage through Jersey City. (Board of Education). An additional 10 million cards remain to be edited for the catalog, the largest bibliography ever undertaken, with an expected 610 volumes.

To celebrate reaching the halfway point in the editing of the pre-1956 NUC, the staff of the Project held a buffet luncheon in the Whittall Pavilion on August 17.

VISITORS TO LC

Foreign Librarians at LC

Masayuki Sugiura, Librarian, Anjo-Gakuen College, Okazaki, Japan, accompanied by his daughter, Emiko.

Akiko Kubota, student of library and information science, Keio University, Tokyo.

Herbert O. Emezi, Sub-Librarian, University of Nigeria, Nsukka.

Mrs. Maureen Henry, Cataloger, Library of the University of the West Indies, St. Augustine, Trinidad.

Lai-Bing Kan, University Librarian and Director of the Library System, Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shatin.

Mrs. Elsie Leow, Bibliographer, Library of the University of Malaya, Kuala Lumpur.

Pham-van-Thong, Librarian, Central Library, University of Hue, South Viet Nam.

American Librarians and Students of Library Science

Mrs. Nancy Kemppinen, Cataloger, University of Georgia Library, Athens.

Donald C. Hausrath, USIS Librarian, American Embassy, Tokyo.

Gail L. Reeves, public school librarian from Richmond, Va., now studying at Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, Ill.

Rick Forsman, a student at the Center for Documentation and Communication Research, School of Library Science, Case-Western Reserve University, Cleveland.

Mrs. Patricia A. Meuser, student of library science, University of Kentucky, Louisville.

Twenty-six students of library science from Appalachian State University, Boone, N.C., accompanied by Beulah Campbell of the faculty.

Mrs. Elma Fesler and two other instructors with 10 students from the Department of Library Science, Western Illinois University, Macomb, Ill.

STAFF NEWS

DEATH OF FORMER STAFF MEMBER

Mary G. Markham, who retired from the Library of Congress in October 1969, died on August 25 at her home in Washington, D.C., after suffering a heart attack. Mrs. Markham, 87, was the widow of the late Reuben H. Markham, for 20 years the Balkan correspondent for the *Christian Science Monitor.*

A native of Paola, Kans., Mrs. Markham received her A.B. degree with honors from Washburn University in 1908. From 1912 until 1926 she served as a missionary-teacher in Samokov and Sofia, Bulgaria, and in 1929-32, she taught at the International School in Geneva, Switzerland. She also worked and traveled with her husband, and following his death in 1949, worked in the Washington bureau of the Free Europe Press.

Mrs. Markham's Library career began in 1956 when she was appointed Assistant Editor for the East European Accessions List Project in the Exchange and Gift Division. When the EEAL Project was terminated in 1962, she transferred to the Cyrillic Bibliographic Project as a Editorial Assistant-Proofreader in the Biographical Section. In 1965, she transferred to the Monthly Index of Russian Accessions Project, and in June 1969 another project termination caused her move to the Copy Preparation Unit of the Aerospace Technology Division. From August 1969 until her retirement, Mrs. Markham was an Editor in the RECON Production Group of the MARC Editorial Office.

Memorial services were held for Mrs. Markham on August 28 at the Westmoreland Congressional Church, with burial in Topeka, Kans.

PERSONNEL CHANGES

Appointments: Michael Benson, searcher, GS-6, E&G, 6014; Neal A. Marcot, research analyst, GS-7, FRD, 6038; Denise L. Schaab, secretary to the assistant chief, GS-6, Ser Rec, 4953; Sandra L.Trevino, reading room assistant, GS-2, S&R, 6-600; Christopher Michael Was, legal analyst, GS-11, CRS A, 6032; Frances B. Woods, stack cleaner, WG-1, Bldgs, 11-100.

Reappointments: Patricia S. Hanna, independent cataloger, GS-9, Cop Cat, 6027; Jill T. Horak, clerk-typist, GS-4, Cop Serv, 4920; Wan-wan Li, descriptive cataloger, GS-11, Desc Cat, 4884.

Promotions: James L. Bethea, to book room attendent, GS-6, Loan, 6041; Vivian C. Crump, Sci, to secretary, GS-7, Mgmt, 6063; Steve H. Gray, to estimator, GS-8, Card, 6015; Ruby W. Holmes, to pre-editor/searcher, GT-7, NUCPP, 4938; Paul F. White, Place & Class, to lithographic helper-bindery, WP-4, CS, 6077.

Resignations: Kenneth A. Breckenridge, E&G; Guy P. Brussat, E&G; Eugene M. Burroughs, DBPH; Beverly J. Cabble, DBPH; Claudia E. Coleman, Card; Ernest A. Coleman, R&T; Bernice D. Deese, Cop Cat; Darlene Elliott, Cat Publ; Gustave Fritschie, CRS A; Virginia S. Gifford, Cat Publ; Denise D. Graves, Card; Gary L. Hammock, CS; James T. Harley, S&R; Jim Lee King, E&G; Chester A. Kowalczyk, Ser; Miriam R. Kraft, CRS D; Uno Laamann, DBPH; Eric J. Myers, S&R; Joseph S. Sansbury, Ser Rec; Willie H. Stephenson, DBPH; Vivian R. Todhunter, LL FE; Diane M. Wilkinson, Cop Ref; Shirley D. Blue, S&R.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The September 13 meeting of the Library of Congress **Professional Association** will feature Leo A. Orleans and a slide show of his trip to China. The program will be held in the Whittall Pavilion at 11:45 a.m.

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS PUBLICATIONS

Catalog of Copyright Entries. Third Series, Vol. 25, Part 2: *Periodicals.* January-December 1971. (viii, 521 p.) For sale by the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402, at $50 a year, domestic, and $62.50 a year, foreign (LC 3.6/5:25/2).

Catalog of Copyright Entries. Third Series, Vol. 26, Parts 7-11A, No. 1: *Works of Art, Reproductions of Works of Art, Scientific, and Technical Drawings,*

Photographic Works, Prints and Pictorial Illustrations. January-June 1972. (ix, 256 p.) For sale by the Superintendent of Documents at $50 a year, domestic, and $62.50 a year, foreign (LC 3.6/5:26/7-11A).

LC Classification–Additions and Changes. ISSN 0041-7912. List 170. April-June 1973. (126 p.) For sale by the Card Division, Library of Congress, Building 159, Navy Yard Annex, Washington, D.C. 20541 at $20 a year.

LC Science Tracer Bullet: Human Evolution. ISSN 0090-5232. (TB 73-13). July 1973. (7 p.) Compiled by Vivian O. Sammons, this guide points to the literature that deals with "the process of organic change or development by which man has acquired the distinguishing morphological and physiological characteristics he possesses today." Copies are available free on request from the Reference Section, Science and Technology Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. 20540.

Monthly Checklist of State Publications. ISSN 0027-0288. Vol. 64, No. 8, August 1973. (pp. 645-730.) For sale by the Superintendent of Documents at $1 for single monthly issues and index, except June and December, for $1.75, or $11.50 a year, domestic, and $14.50 a year, foreign (LC 30.9:64/8).

Selected Information Resources on Petroleum and Natural Gas. (SL 73-5). August 1973. (25 p.) Compiled by the Science and Technology Division's National Referral Center, this is an informal listing of 92 organizations that will provide information on various aspects of petroleum and/or natural gas. Each entry gives the name, address, and in most cases the telephone number of the organization, as well as a brief description of the information services it provides. Copies of the list may be obtained free from the National Referral Center, Science and Technology Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. 20540.

Cooperative Publication Projects: *The National Union Catalog: Pre-1956 Imprints. A Cumulative Author List Representing Library of Congress Printed Cards and Titles Reported by Other American Libraries.* Vols. 275-279; Jackson, Joseph Henry–Jersey City (Board of Education).

Compiled and edited with the cooperation of the Library of Congress and the National Union Catalog Subcommittee of the Resources Committee of the Resources and Technical Services Division, American Library Association. For sale by Mansell Information/Publishing Ltd., 3 Bloomsbury Place, London WC1A 2QA, England, for about $25-$30 each depending on the mode of payment. Particulars are available from the publisher.

NEW REFERENCE WORKS

The *African Law Bibliography–bibliographie de droit africain 1947-1966* by Jacques Vanderlinden (Presses Universitaires de Bruxelles, 1972, 471 p.), is available to readers in the Near Eastern and African Law Division. The bibliography, a product of the Centre for African Legal Development of the Faculty of Law, Haile Sellassie I University, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, required three years of research, a full year of preparation for the printer, and six months of publishing effort by the Brussels University Press.

The work includes references to printed books and articles, including government and official reports, and excludes case notes, law reporting, legislation, and all unpublished material. While not designed as a comprehensive guide to all facets of legal research in the law of individual African countries, it provides the researcher with references to sometimes elusive and obscure information on a topic more diverse than, for example, its North American counterpart.

The subject matter is continental in scope, but the entries are linguistically limited to publications in Western European languages or English. The indices, table of contents, acknowledgments, and a "reader's guide to the bibliography" are in English and French. The subject headings and the names of the countries in the text are in English.

Professor Vanderlinden, professor extraordinary of the Free University of Brussels and Director of the Centre for African Legal Development, has made a significant contribution to comparative legal studies in general and to African legal science in particular with this publication. The volume is only one installment of what promises to be a continuing project not only of bibliography but of documentation with the ultimate goal of making every item listed in the bibliographies available to anyone having an interest in African legal systems. It should prove to be of immediate value as a tool for legal research and as a guide for library acquisitions. [*Neil R. McDonald*]

A Bibliographic Guide to the Law of the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands, and the Isle of Man (London, University of London, Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, 1973. 301 p. KD51.U5 1973) is an update of the 1956 edition but with the same basic approach. A number of outstanding contrib-

utors, such as Professor L. Neville Brown, A. G. Guest, and A. K. R. Kiralfy, have provided bibliographic data on subjects ranging from the "Administration of Justice" to "International Law." Also included are sections listing a variety of source materials for jurisdictions such as Northern Ireland, Scotland, the Channel Islands, Isle of Man, the Commonwealth, and a new chapter on the Common Market.

The bibliographic entries vary from the very detailed to the more succinct, depending upon the desire of the contributor. Each chapter on a substantive subject, as well as each subdivision within the chapter, begins with a short historical introduction. Then, a listing of "General Works" is followed by entries for more detailed or specialized works. Since the bibliography is selective, it is assumed that the very best treatments of a given subject have been included. Chapters on the legal literature of a jurisdiction begin with a listing of the primary authorities such as statutes, acts, and case reports (historic, as well as current) are followed by search books and secondary sources such as digests and encyclopedias, and finally conclude with a bibliography of major texts on substantive subjects (contracts, property, etc.).

This book, as with other types of bibliographic tools, suffers from an understandable degree of outdatedness. It is updated only until December 1971. As a tool of selection and reference, however, it is most useful to the American librarian interested in building up a limited, though basic, British collection. It provides the bibliographic data for all of the major primary sources of authority in the jurisdiction of the United Kingdom and the best available material, as judged by experts, on the substantive subjects of the law. It will also serve as an introduction to British law for foreign lawyers and students.

[Marlene C. McGuirl]

NEWS IN THE LIBRARY WORLD

National Film Day Established

The nation's motion picture theaters and film companies have agreed to the establishment of an annual National Film Day, to be observed this year on Tuesday, October 23. The purpose of the event is to celebrate the cultural contribution of the motion picture in America and to provide an ongoing source of revenue to the American Film Institute, a national organization dedicated to preserving the nation's film heritage. Under the terms of the agreement between participating film companies and theater owners, 50 percent of all box-office receipts on National Film Day will be donated to AFI.

The film day plan was worked out largely through the efforts of Roy White, President of the National Association of Theater Owners, celebrity coordinators Warren Beatty, Jack Lemmon, and Cicely Tyson, and AFI Board Chairman Charlton Heston over a three-year period.

AFI Announces Appointments

Sali Ann Kriegsman has been appointed to the new position of Executive Editor of the American Film Institute and will supervise *The American Film Institute Catalog*, a major research project, direct the development and publication of several major new reference works, and coordinate all other publishing activities of the Institute. Mrs. Kriegsman was formerly AFI Manager of Public Information and Publications and joined the AFI staff in 1969.

Replacing Mrs. Kriegsman as AFI Public Information Officer will be Mel Konecoff. A former manager of press relations for National General Pictures, Mr. Konecoff comes to AFI from RKO-Stanley Warner Pictures in New York, where he was assistant advertising and publicity director.

Kennedy Appointed Dean of NYU Libraries

Eugene P. Kennedy has been appointed New York University's Dean of Libraries, effective September 1, and will direct the operations of eight libraries at the six NYU centers. He succeeds George Winchester Stone, Jr., who is retiring.

Mr. Kennedy, experienced in library administration and technology, has been an associate dean at NYU for the past two years, assuming leadership in the planning and development of the new Elmer Holmes Bobst Library and Study Center on Washington Square South. He was previously employed by various Federal agencies as an information scientist, was associated with Temple University, was on the faculty of the Drexel Institute Graduate School of Library Science, and served as a public librarian at the Brooklyn Public Library.

He also directed the Office of Education's Library and Information Sciences Research Program before joining St. Louis University as director of libraries in 1968.

Since his return to New York in 1971, he has served on the Regent Advisory Council for Libraries and Major Facilities and SUNY's Task Force on Library Data Centers.

SLA Offers Scholarships

The Special Libraries Association will award four $2,000 scholarships for graduate study leading to a master's degree in library or information science for the academic year 1974-75. College graduates or college seniors with an interest in special librarianship are eligible and preference will be given to those applicants interested in pursuing a career in special librarianship. Consideration will be given to applicants with a definite interest and aptitude for special library work, a good academic record, and financial need. Applications are available from the Special Libraries Association Scholarship Committee, 235 Park Avenue South, New York, N.Y. 10003. Applications must be completed and returned by January 15, 1974.

Illinois University Saves Water-Soaked Books

The Map and Geography Library at the University of Illinois has reported that thanks to a crew of librarians, clerks, students, and library administrators, 2,000 volumes and 40 maps were saved from severe water damage caused when water overflowed a storage tank and fell throught the ceiling above the library. The crew moved the water-damaged materials to air-conditioned rooms and dried or removed covers and placed sheets of paper towels between wet leaves to prevent sticking. Jane Gammon, a library clerk who supervises mending of damaged books, instructed the aides on preservation procedures and attributed the idea for the use of paper towels to an article she recently read on saving water-soaked books. All but two of the volumes were saved.

News From ALA

The Association of College and Research Libraries, a division of the American Library Association, has announced the appointment of a committee to revise the 1959 *ALA Standards for College Libraries*, continuing the work of a committee formed in 1970 and chaired by Stanley McElderry. Johnnie E. Givens, Librarian, Austin Peay State University, will chair the committee and David Kaser, Professor, Graduate Library School, University of Indiana, will act as project director. The aim of the project is to prepare new standards for college libraries that will take into account the many significant changes in higher education that have ocurred since adoption of the 1959 standards.

The August 1973 issue of the list of Graduate Library School Programs accredited by the American Library Association has been issued. The official list includes names and addresses of all library schools offering accredited programs, names of deans or directors, and degrees to which the program leads. Library schools offering doctoral and post-master's specialist or certificate programs are so designated on the list. Requests for copies should be addressed to Accredited List, American Library Association, 50 East Huron St., Chicago, Ill. 60611.

ALA invites nominations for the 1974 Margaret Mann Citation and the 1974 Esther J. Piercy Award, two highly regarded awards in the field of librarianship. The Mann Citation is awarded annually for outstanding professional achievement in cataloging or classification either through publication of significant literature, participation in professional cataloging organization activities, or valuable contributions to practice in individual libraries. Nominations for the Mann Citation should be sent to Marguerite A. Rey, chairman of the Citation Committee, Tulane University Library, New Orleans, La. 70118, by December 15. Awarded annually since 1969, the Esther J. Piercy Award recognizes contributions to librarianship in the field of technical services by younger members of the profession. Nominations should be sent by January 1, 1974, to Betty Meyer, Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio.